

## THE SCHOOL BOOK QUESTION.

Mrs. E. S. P. Stiteler, county superintendent of Bourbon county, has written an open letter to the *Advocate* upon this question in which she does herself and the *Advocate* great injustice. We shall waste no space in reply to her insinuations. They are unworthy of her, and must have been written under excitement and without due deliberation.

The *Advocate* is in favor of a satisfactory adjustment of the school book question. It has differed with Mrs. Stiteler concerning the time and manner of undertaking that adjustment. We expect the next legislature to be controlled by the People's party, and when it convenes Mrs. Stiteler will find the *Advocate* where it is upon all other questions, right on the school book question. Further, if another legislature shall adjourn without action upon this subject, we shall not further question the propriety of Mrs. Stiteler's method. Our difference of opinion on the subject is entirely one of time and method. When it is settled we want to see it settled right. Mrs. Stiteler's plan, in our judgment, would not secure this result.

At the proper time, when the opportunity for action is at hand, Mrs. Stiteler can use the columns of the *Advocate* to present her views, and we shall be glad to second her efforts to secure uniformity and to secure immunity from such hardships as may exist in consequence of any unlawful or unjust combinations of school book publishers. Under existing circumstances we have as much right to say that Mrs. Stiteler is acting in the interest of a certain publishing house as she has to say that we are acting in the interest of a certain other one. There is simply a difference of opinion as to time and method of accomplishing a certain object, and it is an exhibition of bad spirit to make accusations that are entirely unwarranted by facts.

At the present time there is no opportunity to do anything either by her method or ours, and a discussion of the subject would therefore do no good. Our columns are too much crowded, also, to give it space. When the time arrives for action our columns are open to all sides to any extent that may be necessary for a thorough understanding of the subject. This is all we have to say now concerning this open letter.

We are Close to Plutocratic Government. Labor World (Buffalo, New York).

A suit of a laborer against a duke was one of the surprising recent events in England, remarks one of our plutocratic old party papers, and continuing the same authority says: "A still more surprising thing is the laborer's victory." Such a result in "free America" would be well nigh an impossibility. Hence the surprise of the plutocratic journal.

The other day when the Homestead people had some of the Carnegie leaders arrested, charged with murder for bringing in armed Pinkertons who fired on and killed several of the Homestead citizens, the case was prejudged by Judge Ewing, who stepped in advance of his authority and hastened, with scorn in his language to tell the Homestead people they had no

rights in the case, and that the Pinkertons had every right to be there. The monopoly and monied aristocracy has made such insidious advances toward the subversion of republican government in the United States, that a judge declares that a corporation has a right to employ a foreign army to invade a state without permission from the constituted authorities of the state, and when a town is invaded by the hired mercenary soldiers, the people have no right to repel the invaders. This is the logic of Judge Ewing's volunteered decision. We are mighty near the time and the boundary line when corporate power will step over and post its proclamation in every city that its plutocratic princes will take charge of the government in future and relieve the people from all further care or concern in public affairs. Are the blind partisan voters ready for this? They have been and are voting as they are directed. What concern to them if the same authority say to them their vote is not necessary longer to keep our party in power? Have they ever considered there is but little if any difference between blindly voting to keep their party in power and its keeping in power without their voting? Think of this, ye party bigots.

## Protecting the Men Who Pick Their Pockets.

New Nation.

The lowest estimate of the expense to the tax-payers of New York, according to the state treasurer, of furnishing militia to protect the railroads in the recent strike at Buffalo, was \$275,000. The strike having ended in the defeat of the strikers, the troops have just been sent home, and simultaneously the coal combine, for the protection of whose railroad lines the militia was in large part called out, announces another rise of 25 cents a ton on anthracite coal on and after September 1. This advance, like the previous advances since the combine was formed, is not pretended to be justified by any increase whatever in expense of production, but is a robbery pure and simple.

It is also announced that all the coal-carrying roads (except the Pennsylvania), being the roads which were protected by the militia at Buffalo, on and after September 1 will raise their freight charges on coal to Buffalo 25 cents a ton and correspondingly for all other distances. This is over and above the increase in the price of coal itself.

The Erie railroad, which brought on the strike by its brutal refusal even to consider the just demands of the switchmen, announces in addition to the advance of 25 cents a ton, a further charge of 10 cents a ton to tide water, and the Lackawanna, another of the militia protected roads, does the same.

In still further addition to these increases of freight rates, the Reading combine people, consisting of the Reading, Lehigh and Central of New Jersey, the head of which, Mr. McLeod, refused arbitration to the strikers, on the ground that they were "outlaws," will after September 1 put on still another 10 cents per ton for coal transportation.

These increased freight rates are not justified by an increased expense of transportation, but like the increased price of the coal itself, are robbery pure and simple.

The taxpayer of New York seems to be placed in the peculiar position of a man protecting a gang of thieves engaged in picking his pockets.

Attention, Exchanges and Threshers! We will furnish the best grades of steam or domestic coal at lowest prices. We will save you money. HOPKINS COAL CO., 917 North Third street, Kansas City, Kas.

## A GRAND PRIZE BIBLE COMPETITION.

Two Thousand Dollars in Prizes will be Equitably Distributed.

## READ OUR PLAN.

For several years past competitions of an instructive order have been offered by reputable business houses and manufacturers in England with the object of increasing their sales and interesting their customers in their respective goods. These contests, on account of the unquestioned fairness displayed in conducting them, have interested the best people of Great Britain. Believing that competitions offered by a manufacturing concern such as ours, and conducted in the same honorable manner, would excite universal interest among the intelligent people of the United States and Canada, our Company have decided to offer a Prize Competition in which our first effort will be to make it STRICTLY FAIR AND IMPARTIAL. The intention is to satisfy every one entering this competition that they have been duly credited with the position which their efforts have earned for them. We are sure that this class of a prize contest will receive the approval of parents and all those having the instruction of young at heart. The prizes to be awarded in this competition will consist entirely of articles of SUFFICIENT VALUE to be appreciated by every person receiving one as a fair reward for the efforts put forth by them. Our intention is to divide the amount to be given away in prizes, varying in value from eight dollars to one hundred dollars each, and we enter into an HONORABLE AGREEMENT with those entering this competition to distribute fairly Two THOUSAND DOLLARS in prizes.

AWARD OF PRIZES.—Ten of the leading ministers of our city will be invited to attend and assist in the award of prizes.

## PRIZE BIBLE COMPETITION.

We will pay ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in cash to the first person who correctly answers the following questions. Where in the Bible do the following three words first appear: 1, RAIN; 2, BREAD; 3, MILK. The second person answering correctly will receive SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS in cash. The third person sending correct answer will receive FIFTY DOLLARS in cash. The next ten will each receive an elegant COIN SILVER (hunting case) WATCH. The next ten will each receive an elegant SILK DRESS pattern (sixteen yards in any color). The next ten will each receive a first-class pair of OPERA GLASSES.

MIDDLE PRIZES.—Every answer when received will be numbered and entered on a special book, with the name and address of the competitor. The thirty-three persons sending the thirty-three correct answers which are the MIDDLE ONES received will receive duplicates of prizes awarded for the first thirty-three correct answers.

LAST PRIZES.—The thirty-three persons sending the thirty-three correct answers which are received LAST will receive duplicates of the prizes that are awarded for the first and middle thirty-three correct answers, the last correct answer receiving the One Hundred Dollars, the next to the last the Seventy-five Dollars, and so on until the thirty-three prizes for the last thirty-three correct answers have been awarded.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—A prize consisting of an elegant Lady's or Gentleman's Watch will be given to the person sending the first correct answer which is the first received from their state or province.

## CONDITIONS.

Answers must be accompanied with fifteen United States two-cent postage stamps for one package of PEARLFOAM, which is the latest scientific discovery for cleaning and preserving the teeth. Our object is to introduce and attract attention to PEARLFOAM, which is the only preparation whose manufacturers are willing to offer a reward of Five Hundred Dollars to any dentist who can show that it contains anything injurious to the teeth. A mouthful of pearly white teeth is the sure result of its constant use. It is recommended by the leaders of the dental profession everywhere; ask your dentist what he thinks of it. PEARLFOAM is sent by mail, post paid, and free of customs duty.

BE SURE AND SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO-DAY. YOU MAY RECEIVE A VALUABLE PRIZE FOR YOUR TROUBLE.

EXQUISITE TOILET MFG. CO.,  
120 YONGE STREET, TORONTO, CANADA.

## FALL FESTIVITIES.

St. Louis Extends a Cordial Welcome to All.

The city of St. Louis has become famous the country over through the agency of her annual fall festivities, and from that source has gained the sobriquet of the "Carnival City of America."

For the season of 1892 all previous efforts in the line of entertainment will be eclipsed. The great St. Louis exposition will throw its doors open to the public Wednesday, September 7, and will continue to entertain and delight thousands during a period extending over forty days. One of the chief attractions announced by the management is the engagement of Col. P. S. Gilmore and his world-renowned band, one hundred strong. The illumination by gas and electricity of the streets will extend over a larger area and be on a grander scale than any similar exhibition ever attempted in the world. The thirty-second great St. Louis fair and zoological gardens, October 3 to 8, whose fame has been heralded broadcast, will be one of the main attractions of that week, and as has been customary for the last thirteen years, the Veiled Prophet will again appear in his favorite city, on the evening of Tuesday, October 4. The hotel accommodations of St. Louis have been materially increased since last year and strangers are ensured of hospitable treatment.

The Missouri Pacific railway and Iron Mountain route, with their vast network of lines extending over the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Indian Terri-

tory, Arkansas, the west, south and southwest, in order to encourage travel, have made a remarkably low round trip rate from points on their lines to St. Louis and return during the festivities.

For further information relative to dates of sale and limits of tickets call on or address any Missouri Pacific or Iron Mountain ticket agent, who will be pleased to furnish same.

## DR. PRICE'S BAKING POWDER.

Supplying the Army, Navy and Indian Department.  
(Chicago Inter-Ocean.)

The purchasing agents of the United States government have ordered nearly one hundred thousand pounds of Dr. Price's baking powder in the first five months of this year, 1892.

The government exercises great care in selecting its supplies of all kinds, rejecting everything that is not of the best, and the very fact that it adopted Dr. Price's Baking Powder is proof that it has found it the best of all the baking powders. Dr. Price's is peculiarly adapted for export, as neither long sea voyages nor climatic changes affect it, this brand keeping fresh and sweet for years while other baking powders deteriorate rapidly.

It is guaranteed to the government to be a pure cream of tartar powder free from ammonia, alum, or other harmful substances, and it is also the only baking powder prepared by a physician of long standing.